

## "BOOMERS" SOON WILL BE HEARD

Democratic "Live Wires" Will  
Gather at Washington  
Next Week.

ATTRACTED BY TWO EVENTS

National Committee Meeting and  
Jackson Day Banquet Draw  
Leaders.

Washington, D. C., January 1.—Democratic national politics will fairly seethe in this town during the next few days, and up to January 8. The national capital will have the honor of entertaining some of the most notable Democrats in the country, and among them will be sponsors of each of the presidential "booms."

The meeting of the Democratic National Committee and the Jackson Day banquet will be the lodestones to draw these politicians. There will be some "live wires" among them, and as there is every certainty of some of them getting "crossed," look out for splutterings.

There will be first and foremost William J. Bryan, with all the Bryan policies, and more important, all the Bryan antipathies to certain candidates to the presidency. There will be Charles F. Murphy, of Tammany Hall, with the boom of Governor Dix (for trading purposes only); there will be the Buckeye brigade all abristle for Harmon; there will be the Indiana contingent shouting lively for Governor Marshall and keeping an eye peeled for first-class second choices; there will be the Champ Clark boomers dodging bowie knives from Polk's friends; there will be New Jersey whooping it up for Woodrow Wilson; the heart men active; Alabama tout-ing Underwood; the country boys urging Foss, and goodness knows where there, Boomers Sure to Be Heard.

For, while it is true, the national committee is to assemble for one purpose only, to name place and time for the convention, it is just as certain that it will be impossible for these Democrats to keep the boomers quiet. The business-like work of the Republican Committee will seem but as a "board meeting" compared with these rosters.

It is the banquet, however, to follow the committee meeting which is expected to develop the fireworks. True, the word has gone forth that this is to be a "harmony dinner." Ahem! There will be some 700 Democrats in that hall with many and varied opinions of policies, some high-class personal enmities and very vigorous opinions as to the fitness of candidates. Oh, well, call it a harmony dinner. The report was current in Demo-

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cratic circles yesterday that Mr. Bryan, while he may refrain from touching upon the subject in his public address, will do some very strenuous missionary work against Governor Harmon's candidacy in private conference.

**Killing at Polls Doubled.**  
In this connection it was said yesterday, and a member of the National Committee was quoted as authority, that Mr. Bryan has privately stated his intention to attack Harmon on the floor of the national convention if the Harmon boom assumes serious proportions, and to publicly declare that if the convention nominates Harmon, he will not be supported by the Bryan forces at the polls.

There is no doubt in any Democrat's mind that Mr. Bryan will do all he can to discourage the Harmon boom, but this reported intention to cut him at the polls goes farther than anything that has yet been said. Mr. Bryan, Democrats recall, has expressed himself pretty strongly in the past about Democrats who do not support the candidate.

Some of the Democrats in Congress are worrying over Mr. Bryan's possible attempt to influence the Democratic legislative program, and especially anxious lest he may attempt to take another try at free raw wool. They will earnestly urge to let the wool question alone.

**Wool Lost on List.**  
Anyhow, wool is to be the last tariff schedule taken up. Mr. Underwood proposes to nail once for all the steel schedule because of his own interests in the industry by bringing in the steel bill first. His friends know his steel has been a consistent advocate of lower duties on steel and iron, but Mr. Underwood desires action to lock up his well-announced position.

It was said here yesterday that Mr. Bryan is urging the House to investigate the money trust and that his investigation will be conducted by the Rules to set to work in this direction. No one denies that Mr. Bryan has a following in the House, but the support given Oscar Underwood last night in his tilt with Bryan showed that the Bryan element did not, at that time, intend to dominate the Democratic party in the House.

## BATTLE PRACTICE OF FLEET ORDERED

Washington, D. C., January 1.—Plans for the winter exercises of the battleship fleet have been completed by the Navy Department. The fleet will assemble at Guantanamo on January 10, and will start north on March 20 for spring battle practice, which will begin off the Chesapeake capes on April 1. Each division of the fleet will spend alternate weeks at Guantanamo and in cruising among West Indian ports.

The new battleship Florida, upon joining the fleet in the south, will be the detached flagship, aboard which Rear-Admiral Hugo Osterhaus, commander-in-chief, will have his flag. The battleship Wyoming is completed in the summer and will be the detached flagship of the fleet.

Battle practice this spring will be held with the vessels stripped for action, as would be the case in actual battle. Night practice and torpedo defense practice will be held while the vessels are in the West Indies.

Rear-Admiral Charles E. Vreeland, as aid for operations, will follow the policy of his predecessor, Rear-Admiral Richard Walcott, in keeping the fleet busy and as much as possible at sea. Rear-Admiral William P. Potter is soon to be relieved as aid for personnel. Captain Emory M. Potts, chief of naval intelligence, and member of the General Board and the Joint Army and Navy Board, will probably succeed him.

**FIRST MEETING TO-DAY.**  
New Supervisors of New Kent County Will Qualify.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
Roanoke, Va., January 1.—The Board of Supervisors of New Kent will meet to-morrow. This is the first meeting of the new board. Only one old member, Richard Eggleston, remains. The new members are W. P. Tunstall, L. M. Elyson, Isaac Couch and Richard Eggleston, Commissioner of the Revenue Douglas Christian, Justice of the Peace C. C. Tunstall, J. A. Wright, II, C. White and J. B. Richardson.

## CONDITION OF LEE IS SATISFACTORY

Family Declares He Is Progress-  
ing Excellently and Soon  
Will Be Well.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
Washington, D. C., January 1.—There need not be the least anxiety over the condition of General George Washington Custis Lee, of "Ravencroft," Fairfax county, son of General Robert E. Lee, who about two weeks ago slipped on the floor of his parlor and dislocated his hip, according to a statement made to The Times-Dispatch correspondent to-day by his nephew, Colonel Robert E. Lee.

Colonel Lee was called up over the telephone and asked the exact condition of his uncle, and he replied as follows:

"Dr. Fletcher, of Fairfax, is attending my uncle, who slipped and dislocated his hip about two weeks ago. His condition at this time could not possibly be more satisfactory, and the only thing that will help him is his advanced age, eighty years. But he is progressing excellently, and the physician says that he expects him to come around all right in time. Just at present he is, of course, compelled to remain absolutely still, but otherwise is making good progress."

"I appreciate the interest that my uncle's friends have taken by many inquiries that have reached me concerning his condition, and I would be glad if you would say that there are no alarming symptoms, as seems to be understood, and that the condition at this time is in every way satisfactory."

P. H. McG.

## FAVORS DATE IN APRIL

Bryan Wants Time of Inaugural  
Changed From March.

Washington, January 1.—William Jennings Bryan has written from Kingston, Jamaica, to Representative Henry, of Tennessee, chairman of the House Committee on Rules, urging him to do his best at this session of Congress to obtain favorable action in the House upon the proposed constitutional amendment to change the inaugural date and the opening of the session of Congress. Mr. Bryan favors the Henry plan to have the terms of office of President Taft and Vice-President Sherman continue until the last Thursday of April, 1913, and making the last Thursday in April thereafter the beginning and end of the official term of President and Vice-President.

Mr. Bryan also goes on record in favor of rearranging the meeting plan of Congress. He advocates the elimination of the session of Congress, which expires by limitation on March 4 every odd-numbered year, and the installation of a system of long sessions. Colonel Bryan thinks that Congressmen should be elected in November of the even years, with the office of senator or Representative on the second Tuesday of January immediately following, and that the sessions should last until the final adjournment resolutions. Colonel Bryan is opposed to short sessions, because he regards them as temptations for trickery, legislative juggling, and ill-advised or hasty legislation.

Colonel Bryan writes that he will positively be in Washington on January 6, when the Democratic National Committee meets to fix the time and place for the Democratic National Convention of 1912, and that he will likewise be on hand with a speech at the Jackson Day dinner to be held by the Democratic leaders that night.

## TAFT TOO WEAK TO WIN

Governor Osborn, of Michigan, Favors  
Candidacy of Roosevelt.

Grand Rapids, Mich. January 1.—Governor Chase S. Osborn declared himself here Saturday in favor of Theodore Roosevelt for President, saying that Mr. Taft was too weak to win and La Follette was "bad medicine." He also stated that he knew Mr. Roosevelt would win, and that the Republican nominee for the presidency would be a bad thing for La Follette, for the Republican party, and for the nation. If the Wisconsin Senator should be elected President, said the Governor, the trouble with his policy of Progressives is that they are all so busy running for office that they have no time for anything else.

The Governor said that he favors Mr. Taft as a big and good President, but he believes that he ought to withdraw from the race for the good of the Republican party and of the country, for he was not strong enough with the people to win.

## ALLOWS TICKET SCALPING

Chicago Court Allows Receiver to Cut  
Rates to Sell Out.

Chicago, January 1.—United States District Judge James A. Carpenter was puzzled Saturday by the propriety of a receiver of his court cutting rates, in disposing of several thousand dollars' worth of theatre tickets for New Year's Eve. H. N. Carter, Inc., the scalping concern against which bankruptcy proceedings are pending.

"The question arises whether this court could consistently allow the business of ticket scalping to be conducted under its jurisdiction," said Judge Carpenter.

When advised there was no State law or city ordinance against theatrical ticket scalping, the court directed the receiver to continue.

## ENSIGN RIDGLEY FATALLY INJURED

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
Norfolk, Va., January 1.—Ensign H. C. Ridgley, son of Edward Ridgley, of Washington, D. C., probably was fatally injured to-day on the torpedo boat Smith by falling down the engine hatch. His skull was fractured and he sustained other injuries. He was removed to the Naval Hospital for treatment.

The Smith was docked at the Navy Yard when the accident happened.

**SULLIVAN COUNTY VOTES**  
\$300,000 FOR GOOD ROADS

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
Bristol, Va., January 1.—Sullivan county, Tennessee, which embraces Tennessee Bristol, to-day voted an addition of \$300,000 for roads. This makes a total of \$500,000 for roads in that county. The original bond issue will be exhausted when the present contract is met, which will be next spring.

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## STRONG ARM MEN DID NOT ATTEND

Mayor Gaynor Suggested They  
Were Not Necessary at  
Peace Dinner.

New York, January 1.—Amid the general rejoicing yesterday that the peace dinner of peace dinners had been eaten the evening before without even a trace of bloodshed, it was learned that this was not due to the suppressive presence of Commissioner Waldo's strong arm squad for the excellent reason that the strong arm squad was not there. It was not there because for the life of Mayor Gaynor couldn't see why it should be.

So widespread was the apprehension as to what might break out at that dinner that there was no surprise when it was announced on Friday night that Commissioner Waldo had said he would bedeck his squad of riot-breakers in evening clothes and strew them among the guests at the Waldorf, an experience that promised to be new not only to the squad but to the Waldorf. He gave assurance of that protection when Samuel Bell Thomas, of the unhappy dinner committee, called to see what guards were to be provided for the President.

The decision was duly announced in the New York Times of Saturday. Mayor Gaynor read about it and thought about it. Then he called up Commissioner Waldo on the telephone and suggested as worthy of consideration that perhaps the normal police protection accorded by New York when the President of the United States visits within her borders would be quite enough.

"The suggestion had the desired effect, and the strong arm squad did not attend. How many outbreaks, how many demonstrations of warlike ferocity, were prevented by the mere fact that the squad would be there will probably never be known.

Not that there were not many officers of the law in and about the Waldorf on Saturday evening. There was the normal detail of detectives that would have been assigned to assist the secret service men in guarding the President's party.

Taft, even had there been no peace dinner foot, and there was the normal uniformed escort to see him properly through the streets. But besides those there were police in plain clothes on hand, lieutenants, detectives in considerable number, but they, it was learned yesterday, were off duty and at the Waldorf unofficially. They had gone to the hotel just because it seemed not improbable that this scene of peace in action would be the most entertaining and certainly the liveliest spot in all New York.

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Smithfield Country Hams, lb. .... 19c  
Va. Pride Coffee, fresh roasted, per lb. .... 25c  
High Grade 1-lb. prints Butterine. 20c  
3 cans Square Brand Condensed Milk for .... 25c  
New Boneless Codfish, lb. .... 7c  
Imported Sour Krout, quart. .... 7c  
15 bottles Duffy's Malt Whiskey. 85c  
New Clipped Herring, dozen. .... 10c  
\$1 bottle Old Pulcher Whiskey. .... 75c  
Whole Grain Carolina Rice, lb. .... 35c  
New Large Irish Potatoes, peck. .... 35c  
Good Green or Mild Tea, lb. .... 40c  
Extra quality Early June Peas, can. 12c  
Best Sugar-Cured Hams, lb. .... 16c  
Finest Canned Tomatoes, lb. .... 8c  
Large cans Fish Roe, 2-lb. cans, 2 for. 25c  
5-lb. pails Home-Made Preserves. .... 35c  
Good Canned Salmon, 2 for .... 25c  
Good Carolina Rice, lb. .... 10c  
1-lb. cans Good Luck Baking Powder. 8c  
Va. Strained Honey, 2 lbs. for. .... 25c  
6 Fats Mackerel, per lb. .... 25c  
Dried Seeded Raisins, lb. .... 15c  
New Hominy or Grits, lb. .... 30c  
Good Apples, per peck. .... 30c  
American Sardines, 7 cans for. .... 25c  
Ceresota or Gold Medal Best Flour, 42c bag; per barrel .... \$6.60  
7-lb. Loose Lump Starch. .... 25c  
Gold Medal Coffee, Java and Mocha mixture, 1-lb. cans. .... 30c  
Good Mixed Tea, per lb. .... 30c  
Baker's Cocoa, can. .... 10c  
Smoked California Hams, lb. .... 12c  
Good Creamy Butter, per lb. .... 15c  
Silver King Best Patent Family Flour, 32c bag; or, per barrel. .... \$5.00  
Finest Breakfast Bacon, lb. .... 16c  
Fresh Newbury Country Eggs, dozen. 32c  
Pure Lard, lb. .... 12c  
Good Lard, per lb. .... 10c  
Large bars Circus Brand Soap, 7 bars. 25c

## VIRGINIANS AT HOTELS

Murphy's—J. Wells, Virginia; F. Irwin, Virginia; Z. A. Jones, Norfolk; B. H. Leach, Virginia; H. Newwood, Ewing, Prince Edward county; H. B. Watkins, Virginia; C. C. Fletcher, Virginia; Thomas G. Jones, Jr., Lewis Jones, Urbanna; D. L. Leftwich, Waynesboro; Maude Gold, Reddell Gold, Virginia; F. A. Miller, Morrisville; C. H. Perry, Burkeville; Miss Sue Handley, Miss Lucille Pister, Williamsburg; J. R. Jones, Virginia; T. O. Sandy, Burkeville; T. A. Linton, Lynchburg; D. W. Pearce, Petersburg; M. W. Stone, Lynchburg; G. M. Cooper, Galia; Harry Brown, Leesburg; Roy North, Middleburg; J. H. Reeves, South Boston; Cyrus W. Beale, Franklin; Nicholas Albreno, Norfolk; P. N. Stoneman, Island. Lexington, E. Matthews, Virginia; R. P. Scott, Jetersville; F. C. Link, Portsmouth; A. W. Weaver, Virginia; C. H. Paxton, Natural Bridge; E. V. Jefferson, Charlottesville; J. S. Perry, Monroeville; R. S. Monger, North River; Jack Gilliam, Newport News; J. H. Hoelle, News Ferry, J. and Mrs. John Harr, Virginia; William A. Wood, Virginia; H. L. Edmunds, Virginia; S. F. Gilliland, Virginia; G. C. Friend, Danville; J. L. Landon, Lynchburg; S. D. Scott, Lynchburg; John S. Brooks, Virginia; John P. Baker, Clifton; H. L. Luckado, Scottsville; O. L. Gillen, Virginia; T. M. Sonderlin, Norfolk; J. Saunders, Cumberland; H. R. Cooley, Virginia; J. M. Patterson, Miss Kate Patterson, Manassas.

Davis—B. H. Trice, Globs; C. C. Stagg, Cape Charles; J. L. Jones, Petersburg; Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Ballov, Quantico; R. T. Hitchcock, Newport News; W. E. Kuber, Virginia; L. M. Thomson, Virginia.

Richmond—E. L. Franklin, Roanoke; F. W. McCluer, Virginia; W. H. Murphy, Virginia; L. L. Fletcher, Virginia; L. N. Pierce, Lynchburg; Miss Mary Robertson, Burkeville; St. George R. Fitzhugh, Fredericksburg; W. Buckner, Virginia; W. G. Smith, South Hill; Paul W. Penick, Lexington; A. M. Howison, Staunton; Miss J. W. McEnery, Lees-

burg; O. L. Stearns, Salem; W. J. King, Virginia; Gilbert—B. H. Leefe, Virginia; Gus Klein, Alexandria; W. R. Jones, Boydton; E. B. Kealey, Harrisonburg; M. Campbell, Virginia; R. N. Curtis, Post Oak.

Stump's—A. F. Howard, Farmville; R. M. McCraw, Bristol; P. C. Cabell, Danville; A. E. Harris, Blackstone; J. W. Culpeper, D. Culpeper, Norfolk.

William Clay, Artist, a Suicide.  
New York, January 1.—William Clay, fifty years of age, an artist, committed suicide by inhaling gas in his room at a boarding house here yesterday. He left no word that would give a reason for his act. Little is known of him at the boarding house except that he came from Kentucky or Tennessee.

White—Stone.  
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
Lynchburg, Va., January 1.—Miss Anna Mabel Stone, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Stone, was married Saturday evening to Gerard A. White, of Bedford county. Rev. John W. Hughes, being the officiating minister. They will live in Lynchburg.

Missing Student Located.  
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
Lynchburg, Va., January 1.—Taylor West, the young student who had been missing from the Piedmont Business College here for several months, has been located in Jacksonville, Fla. His father has gone to bring him back home.

SAILOR TROUSERS EXPLAINED.  
Naval Officers Tell Why They Flare at the Bottoms.  
Washington, January 1.—Two sailors from the battleship New Hampshire were walking up Pennsylvania Avenue yesterday. The weather was cold, and the rugged young fellows were dressed in the navy blue cloth uniform. The attention of a retired naval officer was called to the broad flare at the bottom of the trousers legs of the uniforms.

"Why is it," he was asked, "that sailors' trousers are still made with the flare at the bottom? Of course, that was quite proper in the days when sailors sailed the sea, but why flare the trousers nowadays, when our battleships are more floating machine shops, and why not be up-to-date and have Uncle Sam's young men in the navy press their trousers?"

"I don't suppose you are any less enlightened than the average citizen," laughed the retired officer, "but the fact is the navy could hardly get along if it didn't have its trousers made with the ancient flare. It's true it is a survival of the old days of sailing ships, but it is just as essential now as then, and even more so, because cleanliness is in our regulations nowadays than ever before.

"The flare is there so that a seaman can roll up his trousers quickly and conveniently when he washes down the decks every morning. The men go barefoot and barelegged during this work. Try to roll up your tailor-made trousers with the narrow bottoms some time. You'll find it impossible to get them above the knee. With the flare, trousers can be easily rolled up above the knee, and what's more, they will stay rolled up until the sailor has washed his legs down again. For the same reason the sailor boys don't press their trousers. How long would the crease last in this rolling up process, which is necessary at least once a day, and sometimes oftener.

"Don't make any mistake about it; ships may come and ships may go, but the flare in the sailors' trousers will be there always."

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